

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 11, 2003 has been fully considered by the Applicant. Additionally, the telephone conference interview among inventor Bob Brothers, assignee representative Pam Abel, Examiner Phi Dieu N. Tran and the undersigned is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Wilson in view of Miller et al. and Fergusson. Claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Wilson in view of Fergusson. As discussed with the Examiner, it is believed that independent Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 patentably distinguish the invention. The pivotally mounted outriggers of the present invention gives stability to the unit when the tower is raised. The outriggers pivot from a retracted position which is utilized for transportation and storage to a pivotally extended position utilized for use. The present invention is particularly important in use in disaster recovery, wind and where wind loading must be given a factor.

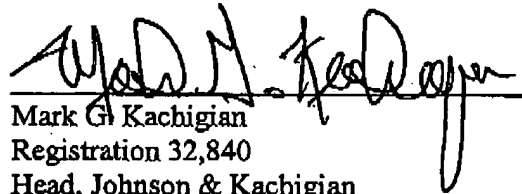
As discussed with the Examiner, the combination of Miller and Fergusson does not show all of the features of the invention. Wilson utilizes guy wires which attach to the trailer or chassis in the front. At the same time, Wilson also utilizes a guy wire or wires which are connected to a separate structure, in this case a substructure of the drilling rig.

As now claimed in the present invention, all of the guy wires attach to the device itself, in this case to the pivotally mounted outriggers which extend from the chassis. The additional citation to Fergusson does not show the features of the invention. Fergusson shows a set of arms which may telescope but are restricted by the width of the trailer. Further, neither Fergusson nor the other references show pivotally mounted outriggers which are pivotally mounted to the chassis.

Dependent Claims 7 through 10 have been added to more clearly convey the invention. In summary, none of the references, either individually or taken together, show all of the features in the invention as now claimed.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If any further issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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